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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 13524

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SUBJECT: CODEL THURMOND

REF: PHNOM PENH 13215

1. DR. VICTOR A. FEDIAY OF SENATOR THURMOND'S STAFF VISITED PHNOM PENH OCTOBER 6-8 APPARENTLY TO MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE VISIT HERE BY SENATOR AND MRS. THURMOND ON DECEMBER 14-16. ON OCTOBER 7, DR. FEDIAY MET BRIEFLY WITH FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PAN SOTHI AND WAS BRIEFED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS ON THE POLITICAL-MILITARY SITUATION AND ON REFUGEE MATTERS.

2. DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR MARSHAL LON NOL HAS SHOWN US COPY OF SEPTEMBER 11 LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR UM SIM INDICATING THAT PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL HERE, SENATOR AND MRS. THURMOND WILL TRAVEL BY USAF PLANE FROM TOKYO (DECEMBER 6-8) TO SEOUL (DECEMBER 9-11) TO SAIGON (DECEMBER 12-14). ACCORDING TO UM SIM, FORMER ROK AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES DONG JO KIM HAS PROPOSED TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT THE SENATOR SHOULD RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM SEOUL UNIVERSITY. IN SAIGON, ALSO ACCORDING TO UM SIM, THE SENATOR WILL BE AWARDED A HIGH MEDAL BY PRESIDENT THIEU. UM SIM
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HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SENATOR SHOULD RECEIVE

SIMILAR HONORS IN PHNOM PENH.

3. WE ASSUME THAT WE WILL HAVE NO COUNTRY CLEARANCE
PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO SENATOR AND MRS. THURMOND
BECAUSE THEY ARE IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CATEGORY.
IF THEY ARE, IN FACT, TRANSPORTED BY USAF AIRCRAFT,
HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE
AS TO WHETHER THE PLANE'S CREW WOULD ALSO BE COUNTED
IN THAT SAME CATEGORY.
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